REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: amndamclain

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Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer text file entitled *amndamclain* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a computer text file that promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes by encouraging the idea that young persons are legitimate sexual partners for adult men. The publication is a sexually explicit record of an exploitative online relationship between a 15-year-old girl and a much older man. It is likely to be arousing for persons with a sexual interest in young persons, could serve to legitimise that interest, and might potentially encourage them to pursue damaging online or real-life relationships with young persons.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.